GRAZING GROUNDS—PARTICULARS OF

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* I may be permitted to put 43, 44 and 45 relating to the grazing ground and they may be answered together.

Mr. President: If the Hon'ble Member wants to do so there is no objection.

43. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the actual area of poramboke land if any available as grazing grounds for cattle in the Vilvattom Village, Trichur Taluk ;

(*b*) whether the area if any is thought sufficient or at least reasonably extensive enough for the purpose consistently with the number of cattle expected to be there;

(*c*) the distance from Trichur Town (north limit) to the lands so set apart ;

(*d*) whether Government will be pleased to make further provision for suitable sites for grazing purposes ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) 73 acres 27 cents.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) About two miles.

(*d*) The matter has already engaged the attention of the Government. Suitable sites are being selected to provide each village with grazing grounds.

44. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether survey numbers 727 and 1262 in Choondal Village measuring 42 acres are not grazing grounds according to the Revenue Records;

(*b*) whether these lands are now occupied by tenants either as licensees or trespassers;

(*c*) the number of living houses situate in these lands with their approximate oldness;

(*d*) whether any action has been taken to evict these and if so with what result ;

(*e*) whether the Government are aware that encroachment penal taxation of twenty times assessment or like amounts are not sufficient sanctions against the continuation or prevention of such encroachments ;

(*f*) whether they will be pleased to take action through criminal law to get these plots evicted ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prbhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) Survey No. 1262 is not a grazing ground. Survey No. 727 is a cattle grazing ground with an extent of 29·28 acres.

(*b*) An extent of 19·19 acres from Survey 727 is occupied by lessees under the Food Production Scheme and an extent of 0·20 acre is occupied under license. In addition to these, there are a few encroachers on the site.

(*c*) There are 33 living houses on the site and all except 3 are more than 7 years old. The three houses are very recently constructed.

(*d*) Actions under the L. C. Act have been instituted against 30 encroachers and notices have been issued to the parties cencerned from the Taluk Office.

(*e*) and (*f*) Government are satisfied that the provisions of the L. C. Act are generally sufficient and proper to meet the exigencies of the situation. Resort to the criminal law would be unnecessarily harsh in such cases.

45. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether survey numbers 48, 51, 52, 53 and 55 in Eranellur village measuring about 50 acres are not grazing grounds according to the revenue records ;

(*b*) whether these lands are not now occupied ;

(*c*) whether living houses are now situated in these and if so the number of such and how long they have been there by this date ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) Survey numbers 48, 51 and 55 are patta lands held by private parties and survey 53 is the Peruvanmala Devaswam temple site and are not cattle grazing grounds according to revenue records. Survey No. 52 is registered as a cattle grazing ground and has an extent of 48·08 acres.

(*b*) An extent of 31·59 acres from Survey No. 52 is now occupied by lessees under the Food Production Scheme.

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(c) There is no living house in Survey No. 52. The answer to the latter part of the question does not arise.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know, Sir, whether any period is fixed under the Food production Scheme for the leases.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: So far as the encroachers are concerned it is one year from the date when they entered and occupied. With reference to leases under the Food Production Scheme it is three years from the date it started.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know whether the leases have expired or whether they are continuing.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: They will expire by the time the ordinary leases under the Food Production Scheme expires.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnthukavu)*: May I know, Sir, whether in the case of encroachers any proceedings have been taken before this.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Since a period of one year has been fixed for encroachments to be removed, action has been taken only after that. In some cases they have already been removed. In some cases the encroachers are presistent and action has been continned.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: In answer to question 44 (c) it is stated that there are 33 living houses on the side and all except three are more than seven years old. May I know whether any action has been taken to evict these people.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Action under L. C. Act has been instituted.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: When did it take place.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: The number being very large I cannot say definitely. As soon as the first one year's lease was over action must have been started.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Am I to take it that it will be less than three years, and yet the property remains in the hands of those persons?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: In some cases it is not, in some cases it is.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: With reference to question 43 it is stated 73 acres and 27 cents have been set apart for grazing. May I know whether Anappara is included in it?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Anappara is also included in the 73 and odd acres.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether there is a vestige of grass in all there areas?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: There is grass.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether there is more laterite than grass in Survey No. 727 of Choondal Village?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: I have not taken statistics as to which is more and which is less.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether the Hon'ble Member for Revenue visited any one of these grazing grounds?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: So far as Vilvattom is concerned I have visited it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: And you have found grass there!

Mr. Prsident: Order, order, the Hon'ble Member must take the answers given to him.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Is the Hon'ble Member for Revenue satisfied with the statement that there is more laterite than grass in Survey No. 727 of the Choondal Village?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know. Sir, whether Survey Nos. 727 and 1262 were grazing grounds at the time of the settlement?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: 1262 was not a grazing ground at any time. I may just inform the House that there is a mistake committed. It is 1267, which is a cattle grazing ground. With reference to 1262, it is not a cattle grazing ground. If you refer to 1267, it is still a grazing ground.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know, Sir, whether in the site 1267 or Survey No. 727 of Choondal Village people were allowed to settle down. Handing over the site formally by the Revenue Department in connection with the Jubilee Memorial free grant house site scheme by which houses were given to the homeless poor by the late Maharaja who passed away at Chowwara.

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Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* So far as the Jubilee sites are concerned various sites have been selected and really handed over. Such occupants are not classed as encroachers. In answer to question 44, I have stated there are others who are living there. I do not know whether Survey No. 727 is a Silver Jubilee site.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Hon'ble Revenue Member be pleased to investigate the matter whether with reference to 727 and 1267 which he has stated by way of correction, people living there were advised to leave sites which were informally handed over as Jubilee Memorial Free Grant Sites?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Unless they are Silver Jubilee sites the Revenue subordinates would not have asked them to occupy.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Are the Revenue Officers authorised to do so at their will and pleasure without orders from the Government?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* No.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know, Sir, with reference to *(d)* of question No. 43 whether any suitable sites have been selected for Mattancheri and Rameswaram?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I cannot give a definite answer, because there are 276 villages. Each Tahsildar is asked to submit a proposal for grazing grounds. There is a proposal to provide grazing grounds for Mattancheri also. Mattancheri is a Municipal Town and for these Municipal Towns selection is given to the Municipal authorities. Whether those proposals have come it has not yet been possible for the department to scrutinise. So far as the Municipal areas are concerned the department has to do it in consultation with the Municipalities.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the Hon'ble Member is aware that Mattancheri is suffering from want of grazing grounds very badly.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Of course the Revenue Member has heard my statement that the sites were informally handed over. May I know whether such handing over has taken place.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I am not aware of any such thing.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Hon'ble Member be pleased to investigate the truth.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is the informal handing over of the site contemplated by the Land Revenue Manual, Sir?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* No.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know whether Municipalities have asked Government for sites.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Not so far as I can remember.

STATEMENT IN THE "GOMATHI" DATED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1944

46. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have come across the following statements in "Gomathi" dated 30th September 1944 "അതേ, *i.e.*, (Talappalli) താലൂക്കാപ്പീസ്സിലെ ഒരു പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്റെ മകൻ കൊച്ചി ഗ്രാമമുഖവകുപ്പിൽ എന്തോ ഉദ്യോഗത്തിൽ ഇരുന്നുകൊണ്ട് തലപ്പിള്ളി താസിൽദാരുടെ കീഴിലും ഉദ്യോഗം വഹിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് ശമ്പളം പറ്റിയതായി കണ്ട പ്പോൾ അനർഹമായിട്ട് വാങ്ങിയ ആ ശമ്പളം മടക്കി അടപ്പിച്ച് സമാധാനപ്പെട്ട എന്നാണ് കേൾവി";

(*b*) whether they will be pleased to state the truth or otherwise of the statement?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The statement is only partially true.

47. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they will take note of the news reports in the "Gomathi" dated 30th September 1944, Trichur, Kanni 13th as follows * * * * "അവിടത്തെ ഒരു ക്ലാർക്കിന്റെ ഒരു പുത്രൻ തലപ്പിള്ളി താലൂക്ക കച്ചേരിയിൽ ക്ലാർക്കായിരിക്കെ വെല്ലിംഗ്ടൺ ഐലണ്ടിൽ ജോലി നോക്കി താലൂക്ക കച്ചേരിയിൽനിന്നും ശമ്പളം വാങ്ങിയിരുന്നുവത്രെ";

(*b*) whether they know who the clerk and the son referred to are;

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